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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE-RESOLUTION ON VOCATIONAL AND SOCIAL
REHABILITATION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE VOCATIONAL
AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS, AND THE
LAUNCHING OF A "WORLD CAMPAIGN FOR VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS", SUBMITTED BY THE
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF BRAZIL AND HAASE, GOVERNMENT
DELEGATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANISATION,

NOTING THAT THERE ARE IN THE WORLD MORE THAN
300 MILLION PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS
AND THAT THIS NUMBER MAY BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO
INCREASE IN FUTURE YEARS,

CONSIDERING THAT TO PROVIDE FOR THE VOCATIONAL
AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS IS BOTH A
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HUMANITARIAN DUTY AND A REQUIREMENT IMPOSED BY

HUMAN SOLIDARITY AND THAT, MOREOVER, IT FOLLOWS FROM THE RIGHT TO WORK PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 23 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

RECALLING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT STRESSES THE NEED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED WORKERS AND TO ENSURE THEIR WELFARE AND REHABILITATION,

RECALLING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE, IN THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DISABLED) RECOMMENDATION, 1955 (NO. 99), LAID DOWN FAR-REACHING PRINCIPLES FOR THE VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION OF DISABLED PERSONS, INCLUDING MEASURES TO EXTEND THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM,

REFERRING TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE CONCERNING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS (1965) AND CONCERNING DISABLED WORKERS (1968),

WELCOMING THE FACT THAT THE NEED FOR SPECIAL MEASURES TO INTEGRATE DISABLED PERSONS HAS IN THE MEANTIME BECOME STEADILY MORE CLEARLY RECOGNISED BY PUBLIC OPINION AND BY OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES, AND REFERRING IN THIS CONNECTION TO THE FACT THAT REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL (ISRDI) HAS DECLARED THE 1970S TO BE THE REHABILITATION DECADE AND THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAVE DECIDED ON A JOINT PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE REINTEGRATION OF DISABLED PERSONS,

NOTING THAT IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE VOCATIONAL AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THE DISABLED BY MEANS OF TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL RE-ORIENTATION MEASURES, BY MEANS OF SPECIAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AND BY OTHER MEANS, WHEREAS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LACK THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION MEASURES THAT ARE CALLED FOR, CONSIDERING IT NECESSARY, THEREFORE, THAT THE CON-

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ERENCE, FOR ITS PART, SHOULD LAY FRESH STRESS ON THE REINTEGRATION OF DISABLED WORKERS AND THAT NEW PRIORITIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND FRESH STEPS TAKEN TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION;

1. REQUESTS MEMBER STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE TO LAUNCH A "WORLD CAMPAIGN FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION" DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE

LEVEL OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND TO CREATE THE PREREQUISITES FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO THIS END, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE TO BE TAKEN:

(A) THE EXPERIENCE OF MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED SUCCESSES IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SHALL BE EXCHANGED WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THE GENERAL STANDARD OF KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL; IT SHOULD BE REPORTED IN PARTICULAR, WHICH KIND OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES EXIST FOR WHICH GROUPS OF DISABLED PERSONS, WHETHER MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE AN UNINTERRUPTED TRANSITION FROM MEDICAL TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND TO INTEGRATION IN THE WORKING PROCESS, AND WHETHER SPECIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE POSSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE DISABLED, IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS THE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYERS TO RECRUIT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED, TO SET ASIDE CERTAIN JOBS FOR THE DISABLED OR TO CREATE SPECIAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED;

(B) THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHALL BE ASSISTED EFFECTIVELY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CREATE FACILITIES FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS BOTH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FACILITIES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR REORIENTATION OF THE DISABLED AND THE SETTING UP OF WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED, ESPECIALLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMBINED LIVING AND WORKING FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED.

2. REQUESTS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL-
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(A) TO REPORT ON EXPERIENCE GAINED SO FAR IN THE COURSE OF PROGRAMMES AND INVESTIGATIONS;

(B) TO TAKE MEASURES WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE A UNIFORM COMPILATION WHICH WILL COVER THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERY COUNTRY AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT;

(C) TO ARRANGE FOR THE MUTUAL INFORMATION OF ALL MEMBER STATES ON RESEARCH PROJECTS AND RESULTS IN THE FIELDS OF REHABILITATION.

3. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE TO CONSULT WITH AND TO OBTAIN CO-OPERATION FROM THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE "WORLD
CAMPAIGN FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION" AND TO
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SUCH ORGANISATIONS. DALE

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